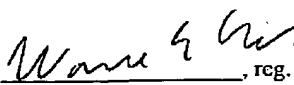


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This is in response to the Office Actions dated 19 July 2006.

Claims 33-35, 37, and 39-44 are presented in Appendix A below.

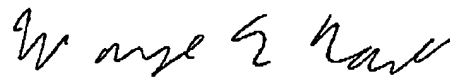
The Examiner has indicated that Claims 33-44 are allowable over prior art.

Claims 36 and 38 are cancelled.

Claims 33 and 40 are amended to overcome the 112 rejections. Claim 39 is amended so as to make it dependent from Claim 33, rather than now cancelled Claim 38.

It is believed the claims are now in condition for allowance. Prompt favorable action is courteously requested.

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